



*THE INTERNATIONAL LEADER
IN EMS CE ACCREDITATION*

Annual Report **2011-12**

CECBEMS Impact:



Communicating



Mentoring



Collaborating

CECBEMS' Principles

Mission Statement: To lead the accreditation of EMS continuing education

Vision Statement: To advance international EMS continuing education globally.

Value Statements:

As the recognized international leader of continuing education accreditation in EMS, CECBEMS will

- Promote the evolution and growth of continuing education standards.
- Support life-long learning opportunities.
- Assure optimal learning experience.
- Prepare EMS providers for future professional challenges.
- Provide ongoing customer service.
- Support continuing education organizations.
- Promote, serve, and support the EMS community in achieving these values.

Board of Directors

Each member organization appearing below supports the CECBEMS principles through their appointment of a director to the CECBEMS Board of Directors.

National Association of EMS Physicians

Juan A. March, MD, FACEP, Chair

National Association of EMTs

Robert Loftus, BS, NREMT-B, Vice Chair

National Association of State EMS Officials Educational and Professional Standards Council

Sean Trask, MPA, EMT-P, Treasurer

American College of Emergency Physicians

E. Jackson Allison, Jr., MD, MPH, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair

National Registry of EMTs

Frank Piscitani, BS, NREMT-P

National Association of State EMS Officials State EMS Directors

Andy Gienapp, MS, NREMT-P

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians

Gregory J. Beirne, DO, FACOEP/Steven Vetrano, DO, FACOEP

National Association of EMS Educators

Richard Beebe, MS, RN, NRP

From the Chair

CECBEMS Impact: Communicating, Collaborating, Mentoring

CECBEMS took steps this year to emphasize to EMS providers, educators, medical directors, and regulators the value of accredited CE that is current and engaging. Relevant, well designed continuing education CE is important to making EMS a respected health care profession, capturing the interest of the EMS provider, and meeting the needs of EMS medical directors, training officers and regulators.

Collaborating with the National Association of EMS Physicians' NAEMSP, National Association of EMS Educators NAEMSE and National Registry of EMTs NREMT, CECBEMS initiated a project to focus continuing education requirements on evidenced based medicine relevant to EMS practice. The goal is to pinpoint a subset of the new research studies each year that contain findings important to the practice of EMS. Prehospital care is not static, and EMS providers must be aware of the current research and how it may change their practice. NREMT is taking the lead and has begun a pilot project. CECBEMS is in full support of this new CE initiative to make CE meaningful.

At the gracious invitation of NAEMSE, CECBEMS contributed four articles to *Educator Update* describing what CECBEMS is, what it does, its contribution to professionalism in the delivery of EMS CE, and how to survive the application and maintenance of accreditation processes. Judging from the resulting comments, the EMS community found that these articles afforded a better understanding of how CECBEMS fits into the house of national EMS.

More and more, state regulators, NREMT, CE providers, medical directors and EMS providers find that the CECBEMS Accreditation Management System AMS is a dependable resource for accountability, verification, and fraud prevention. This year, a number of regulators and medical directors used the information we distributed about how to decode a CECBEMS course number to verify and, at times, identify inconsistencies. When these folks take a moment to call CECBEMS to ask questions and report their findings, accountability multiplies geometrically.

Further, regulators are discovering that when they delegate the course review process to CECBEMS the purpose for which CECBEMS was founded in 1993 it reduces the workload for their already overcommitted staff and many times results in a more thorough review. A number of states require CECBEMS accreditation for distributed learning activities and some require it for any course developed by a CE provider outside of their home state.

CECBEMS continues to work with the EMS community to identify ways that we can work collaboratively to make everyone's job easier and to make EMS CE better. Coming in 2012-13 is an emphasis on compliance with online audits, site visits, and other activities that will ensure that CE providers are meeting CECBEMS standards and requirements.

What the record shows:

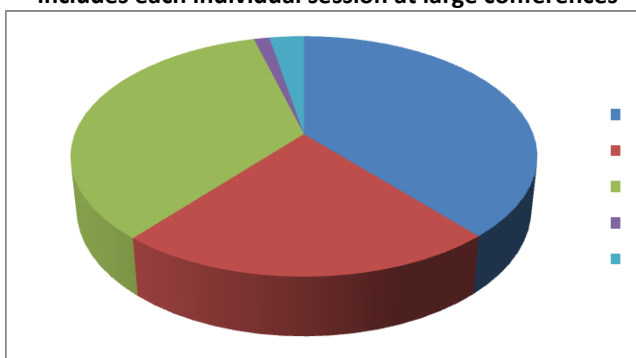
Accreditation Activity

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Totals for 2010-2011 appear in italics.

Organizational Accreditation F4	20 – >1%	22 – 2%
One-time Events F1	606 – 39%	403* - 29%
Multiple-event Activities F2	351 – 23%	257 – 18%
Distributed Learning Activities F3	546 - 35%	704 – 51%
VILT F5	45 - > 3%	3 - >1%
Total	1,568	1,389

* includes each individual session at large conferences



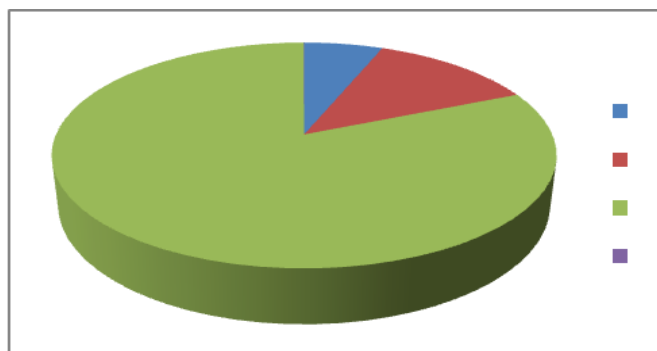
Accreditation Activity FY 2011-2012

Course Completion Activity

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Figures for 2010-2011 appear in italics.

One-time Events F1	47,057 – 6%	7,002 – 5%
Multiple-event Activities F2	98,146 –13%	54,781 - 9%
Distributed Learning Activities F3	634,736 –81%	498,977 - 86%
VILT F5	320 ->1%	137 - >1%
Total	780,259	560,897



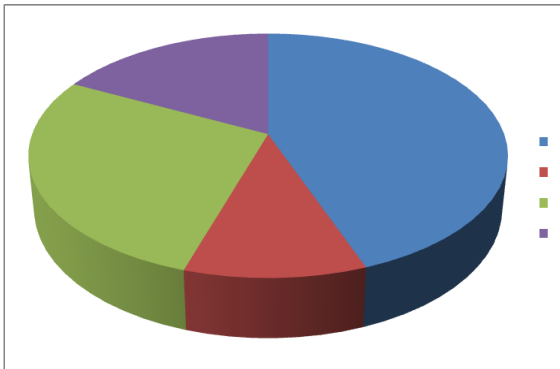
Course Completion Activity

Financial - Operating Expenses-

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

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Accreditation/Compliance Activities	102,210 – 44%	127,637 - 60%
AMS Maintenance	24,021 – 10%	17,018 - 8%
Communications and PR	63,885 – 28%	46,800 - 22%
General Administration	40,217 – 18%	21,272 - 10%
	\$230,333	\$212,729



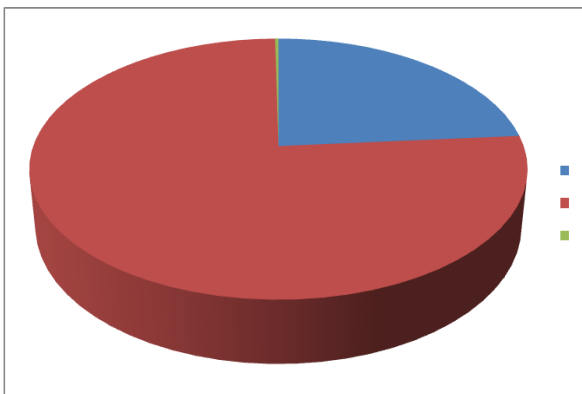
Operating Expenses

Financial - Operating Revenue

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

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Accreditation and Compliance	70,404 24%	62,880- 25%
AMS Upload Fees	225,871 - 76%	181,758 - 74%
Other	763 - >1%	2,300 - 10%
	\$297,038	\$246,938



Operating Revenue FY 2010-2011

Mentoring/Compliance Interactions

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Provider Type

Organizationally accredited CE providers – 7

Providers of individually accredited CE – 3

Issue Addressed (some CE providers needed to address multiple issues)

Reporting problems – 4

CEH Inflation – 4

Non-compliant test items – 4

Failure to update content - 3

Poorly constructed content – 3

Misleading marketing materials - 1

Results

All items satisfactorily addressed – 4

Discontinued CECBEMS accreditation – 3

Continued review and remediation – 2

Satisfactory review with no problems identified - 1

CE Providers

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

Organizationally Accredited Providers	60
CE Providers of Distributed Learning, Not Organizationally Accredited	11
CE Providers of One-time Events, Not Organizationally Accredited	6
CE Providers of Multiple Events, Not Organizationally Accredited	15
TOTAL	92

CECBEMS AMS

Number of records uploaded

July 1, 2003-June 30, 2011 2,461,400

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012 782,437

July 1, 2012-December 31, 2012 457,609

TOTAL 7/1/2003 – 12/31/2012 3,701,446

January-December 2012 Calendar Year: **919,652**



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